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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] PAK Sung-sol was chairman of the Utchin People's Committee (PC).
PAK is about 38 and a native of Kangwon Province.

25X1X 2. [REDACTED] the Utchin PC announced the following on placards throughout the town: "Although the puppet regime relies on UN forces in the fight against us, we North Koreans can conquer them alone. Although the U.S. imperialists are proud of their atom bomb, don't forget we have prepared poison gas."

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] the Utchin PC conscripted about 350 men between the ages of 15 and 25, and sent them [REDACTED] to undetermined combat areas as NKPA service [REDACTED] troops. About 60 women between 17 and 30 were conscripted in Utchin [REDACTED] and sent to combat areas as NKPA nurses [REDACTED].

25X1A 4. Utchin residents were ordered to the city outskirts [REDACTED] because an [REDACTED] raid was expected at 11 a.m. No raid occurred, and when the residents returned, all the food was gone from their homes.

25X1A 5. Two companies of NKPA troops were guarding the seacoast directly east of Utchin [REDACTED]. They had five guns (type not stated).

25X1A 6. A state security unit composed of about 60 NKPA troops was billeted in the [REDACTED] former Utchin primary school [REDACTED]. Area residents report that [REDACTED] about 300 North Korean guerrillas arrived at Utchin and departed for southern areas after receiving instruction from this unit.

25X1A 7. The Utchin Bo An Tae Unit comprised about 80 men [REDACTED]. Ten residences near the former Utchin police station were being used as munitions and supply dumps for NKPA troops in Utchin and Pyonghae-ri (129-26, 36-44). Farmers using oxcarts transported these supplies to and from Utchin. About 10 large fishing sailboats in Utchin Harbor were being guarded by members of the Bo An Tae.

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[REDACTED] one company of NKPA artillery armed with two guns of about 80 mm. was stationed 30 miles west of Yongdok (129-22, 36-44). About 25X1A 300 NKPA troops were in the former Yongdok primary school at noon [REDACTED].

9. Taejindong (129-26, 36-34) is the supply center for troops in the Taejindong-Yonghae (129-24, 36-32) area. A heavy artillery company of the NKPA was in the mountainous area near Taejindong.

10. NKPA troops were setting up three guns facing the east coast on Paekamsan just northwest of Pyonghae-ri, [REDACTED]. Three hundred and fifty wounded NKPA troops were in an NKPA field hospital in the former Pyonghae-ri primary school, about 1 mile east of the town.

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